

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Interviews

Interviews for the 2021 Graduate Diploma in Midwifery Clinical Placement intake will take place in September 2020.

Interviews may be undertaken via Microsoft Teams or phone

Candidates will be notified via email

## What is the benefit of the clinical placement model?

The clinical placement model allows midwifery students to be fully supernumerary (extra person) on their shift. This provides experiences with the full support of a registered midwife and maximises learning opportunities.

## Do you offer a paid model of employment instead of a clinical placement unpaid model?

Northern Health has chosen to support this program in an unpaid model for 2021.

## How many clinical applications for the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery program will be available in 2021?

There will be 8 positions available in 2021.

The placements will be available at Northern Health predominately the Northern Hospital Epping. Students may be required on a limited basis to travel to the antenatal clinic services at either Broadmeadows or Craigieburn in order to complete clinical placement or other learning requirements.

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## How many days a week will I be on placement at Northern Health?

Outside of your academic blocks you will be rostered on average three days a week on clinical placement in order to meet your clinical requirements. Your roster will contain a mix of AMs (Mornings) PMs (Afternoons) ND (Night Duty) and weekends.

## Will I be able to choose my roster whilst on clinical placement?

Due to the high volume of midwifery student placements facilitated by Northern Health each year from a variety of midwifery pathways (e.g. Bachelor of Midwifery (BM), Bachelor of Midwifery/Bachelor of Nursing (BM/BN and Postgraduate Neonatal Nursing) you will have a very limited ability to choose your roster particularly when you are rotating into Birth Suites.

## I've heard that I might need to be 'on call' for part of my placements. Is this true?

Yes. You may be on call as part of your continuity of care experience requirements as per ANMAC.

## Can I participate in paid work whilst completing my Graduate Diploma of Midwifery?

Some of our Graduate Diploma of Midwifery students do continue to hold a casual or part time job during their Graduate Diploma of Midwifery. Whilst the demands of the program (continuity of care, the academic program and clinical placements) combining this with paid work can be challenging. You are welcome to apply for a bank or pool nursing position at Northern Health.

## Do I have to wear a uniform whilst on clinical placement?

Yes. You will need to purchase a uniform from LaTrobe ready to wear on your first clinical placement day.



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## Can I enrol through another university and obtain clinical placements at Northern Health to complete my Graduate Diploma of Midwifery?

No. Northern Health's only partnership for the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery is with LaTrobe University.

## What if I don't get accepted into the university?

Applicants must demonstrate admission to Latrobe University, and enrolment in the Graduate Diploma in Midwifery program. Applicants who do not gain admission through Latrobe University, cannot undertake clinical placement at Northern Health

## When can I submit my application for a clinical placement for 2021?

Applications for the 2021 program open in early August, 2020 and close end of August, 2020. Applications can be made from the Erecruit-Northern Health .

<https://erecruit1.mercury.com.au/NorthernHealth/>

## What opportunities will I have to take leave during my program?

There are very limited options for short periods of leave available during your program. Long periods of leave during the program should not be planned as these are unable to be accommodated. Applicants should also be aware that placements may extend into January 2022 in order to complete required hurdles or birth numbers in order to register as a midwife.

## Do you have any further questions?

Please contact the relevant Clinical Midwife Educator (see program tab)

or

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